



## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Fair Officials

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Enclosed is a summary of Tennessee Fair Regulations - health requirements for livestock at fairs and exhibitions.

#### Special Comments:

1. It is expected that all exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to fairs and exhibitions. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home immediately. Although state and federal animal health officials will be performing some inspections, **fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.
2. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany all animal(s) to the respective shows with the exception of in-state Tennessee equine and poultry. In-state Tennessee equine six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceding twelve (12) months. Poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions should be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days, or **be tested on-site prior to exhibition following strict biosecurity procedures**, or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all bird's physical appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted.
3. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only.
4. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to exhibition.
5. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
6. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

7. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
8. **Fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.

Please retain this material for reference during the 2013 fair season.

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